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SUBJ: NATO EXERCISE "LOCKED GATE": SHORE LEAVE AND

COMMANDER'S PRESS CONFERENCE

REF: LISBON 762 AND PREVIOUS

SUMMARY: LOCKED GATE EXERCISE HAS ENDED QUIETLY, ALTHOUGH NOT

ALL SHIPS PERSONNEL HAVE COMPLETED SHORE LEAVE. SHORE LEAVE

THUS FAR HAS TAKEN PLACE WITHOUT INCIDENT.

COVERAGE OF PRESS CONFERENCE GIVEN BY "LOCKED GATE" COMMANDER

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STRESSED THEME OF NATO'S NON-INTERVENTION AFFAIRS OF ITS

MEMBERS. END SUMMARY.

1. SHORE LEAVE: NO INCIDENTS INVOLVING U.S. PERSONNEL ON SHORE LEAVE REPORTED TO LISBON DAO. NO KNOWN POLITICALLY-ORIENTED INCIDENTS OCCURRED WITH ANY NATO PERSONNEL. LAST SHORE LEAVE SCHEDULED FOR EVENING FEB. 11.

2. PRESS COVERAGE: BOTH LISBON MORNING PAPERS FEB. 10 GAVE PROMINENT COVERAGE (PAGE 2, WITH PHOTO) TO "LOCKED GATE" COMMANDER MAINGUY'S FEB. 8 PRESS CONFERENCE. BOTH ARTICLES CARRIED LEADS EMPHASIZING FACT NATO NOT INTERFERING IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF PORTUGAL OR OTHER MEMBER COUNTRIES. "SECULO" ARTICLE WENT ON WITH RECITATION OF SEVERAL POINTS COMMANDER MADE, LEAVING COMMANDER'S GOOD FAITH OPEN TO QUESTION, HOWEVER, BY SNIDE AND SARCASTIC STYLE OF PRESENTATION. BY CONTRAST "DIARIO DE NOTICIAS" ACCOUNT WAS STRAIGHTFORWARD.

3. NATO AND LAJES: COMMANDER MAINGUY, A CANADIAN, DECLINED TO ANSWER SOME QUESTIONS ON BASIS HE UNABLE DEAL WITH "POLITICAL" SUBJECTS. HOWEVER, ACCORDING TO BOTH NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS, WHEN QUESTIONED ABOUT IMPORTANCE OF LAJES BASE MAINGUY CONFIRMED THAT BASE IS IMPORTANT BUT SAID IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH NATO. (EMBOFF ASKED IBERLANT PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER IF STATEMENT WAS REPORTED ACCURATELY. HE CONFIRMED THAT IT WAS.) CARLUCCI

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